Celebration of World Book Day, 2021

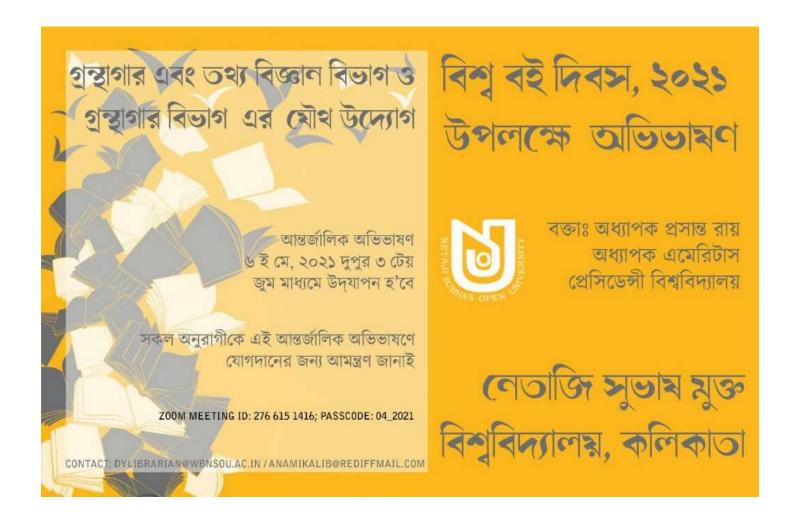
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World Book Day Lecture, 2021

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World Book Day (also known as World Book and Copyright Day, or International Day of the Book) is an annual event organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on 23rd April to promote reading, publishing, and copyright.

Like the previous years, Netaji Subhas Open University, this year also took the initiative to celebrate the day to recognize the scope of books as to link between the past and the future and to bridge between generations and

across cultures. Due to the outspread of the second wave of COVID 19 infection, this time the event has been celebrated on 6th May, 2021. The Department of Library and Information Science under the School of Professional Studies jointly with the Library Department organized to celebrate the event.

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAMME:

World Book Day is an opportunity to celebrate the unending power of books. Although books should be celebrated every day, not just on World Book Day, the worldwide focus allows us all to come together and share our love for reading. By committing and encouraging everyone in academic arena to love reading, we can positively affect wellbeing, empathy, cultural capital, communication, and attainment of life chances. With the active involvement of all stakeholders viz. learners, scholar, teachers, enthusiasts, librarians and all those who feel motivated to work together in this occasion of world celebration of books, World Book and Copyright Day has become a platform to rally together.

Worldwide, we are passing through deject and distress due to the pandemic. Thankfully, books and a love for reading can transcend the current situation, enabling us to visit new worlds, explore new places and experience new things. Books have always been a vehicle for this.

PROGRAMME DETAILS:



Bearing in mind the context and objective, Department of Library and Information Science, and Library Department has organized the lecture for all those who retained devotion towards progression of human race. Dr.

Prasanta Ray, Professor Emeritus, Presidency University was invited to share his cognition with the participants. The programme delivered through online platform



on 6th May 2021 at **Professor Prasanta Ray** 03.00 PM. Around sixty-

four (64) number of participants from various arena of Higher Education has participated in the event.

The programme started with the welcome address of Dr. Anirban Ghosh, Professor, Department of Commerce, Director (i/c) of School of Professional Studies.





Dr. Anirban Ghosh

Dr. Madhusri Ghosh (Upadhyay), Deputy Librarian, Library Department has introduced the speaker.

Dr. Madhusri Ghosh (Upadhyay)

The enriched address by Professor Prasanta Ray is the apotheosis of the event. He highlighted aspects of reading habits among the people from various age group and or people from diversified socio-economic back ground. He also enunciated his concern for declining nature of reading habits due to various parameters like graphic-enriched multimedia content, expansion of OTT platforms, paucity of staggering backdated infrastructure of public library, decaying social values etc. Professor Prasanta Ray end his

valuable speech with a positive note and deliberated various thoughtprovoking aspects and issues of book reading such as reading habit of text books, and other books of earlier and present time.

Anamika Das, Assistant Professor, Library and Information Science summarised the deliberation of the speaker and ended the programme with vote of thanks at 04.15 PM.



Anamika Das



Adrita Mukherjee

The whole programme was coordinated by Adrita Mukherjee, exstudent of Department of Library and Information Science, Netaji Subhas Open University.

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